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SUBJECT: US OFFER TO HOST 1979 CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S REPORTING ON DISCUSSION WITH AMB. SERGIO GONZALES-GALVEZ ON MEXICO'S CURRENT VIEWS ON THE HOSTSHIP OF 1979 UN CONFERENCE AND POSSIBLE CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY GENERAL OF CONFERENCE.

2. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY'S REQUEST PARA 1 REFTEL A, FIRST FORMAL MEXICAN OFFER TO HOST CONFERENCE WAS CONTAINED IN DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO UN PERMANENT MISSIONS DATED JUNE 7, 1976. PRIOR TO THAT, MEXICAN REPRESENTATIVE TO FEBRUARY 1976 SESSION OF UN COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR
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DEVELOPMENT (CSTD) HAD SIMPLY INDICATED THAT "HER COUNTRY WOULD BE HAPPY TO BE HOST FOR THE CONFERENCE." SIMILAR STATEMENT WAS ALSO MADE BY AUSTRIAN REPRESENTATIVE.

3. AS INDICATED REF B, US OFFER TO HOST EVOLVED GRADUALLY OVER LAST SEVERAL MONTHS AS THE CONCEPT AND OBJECTIVES OF CONFERENCE EMERGED FROM CSTD AND ECOSOC 1976 MEETINGS.

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ALTHOUGH US OFFER FOLLOWED MEXICAN AND AUSTRIAN OFFERS, STILL IT WAS MADE THREE YEARS BEFORE THE CONFERENCE AND SUFFICIENTLY EARLY TO ENABLE UN MEMBERS TO CONSIDER ITS MERITS TOGETHER WITH THOSE OF COMPETING OFFERS.

4. CONCERNING PARA 2, REF. A, DEPARTMENT NOT AWARE OF A MEXICAN CANDIDATE FOR SYG OF CONFERENCE. FYI - UNSYG WALDHEIM TOLD AMBASSADOR BENNETT (USUN) ON DECEMBER 21 THAT HE WAS PLANNING TO APPOINT DA COSTA OF BRAZIL TO THAT POSITION. US INDICATED SUCH APPOINTMENT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE US. HOWEVER, THE UNSYG HAS NOT YET ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT, AND THEREFORE, EMBASSY SHOULD NOT INTRODUCE THIS POSSIBILITY IN DISCUSSIONS WITH MEXICANS.
END FYI.
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